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North Carolina Schools and Academies, 1790-1840—A Documentary History. BY CHARLES L. COON. 1915. Raleigh, The State. pp. 846.

IN 1908 Mr. Coon published a two-volume documentary history of the *Beginnings of Public Education in North Carolina*. The present volume is supplementary to the former. In his first volumes the author treated especially of the support of schools in the public opinion of the times, while the last volume contains materials illustrating their management and every-day conduct. A few of the division heads will show the nature of the material and also how similar conditions there were to those in Indiana a generation or two later: Documents concerning the State Univeristy, its Relations and Influence; Physical Equipment of the Schools; Qualifications of Teachers; Course of Study; Religious Instruction; Methods, Lancastrian Schools; Closing School; Military Schools; Lotteries for the Benefit of Schools; Salaries; Law Schools; and Beginnings of Colleges. An introduction of forty-five pages gives the reader a connected idea of the whole. The documents are collected from various sources but chiefly from the newspapers, a very large proportion being from the *Raleigh Register*. The editorial work and the printing are good, showing the value of having such work done by one who understands the subject.

THE HOOSIER

THE Writers' Club conceived the idea of this magazine last spring. The members of the club felt that if a magazine were to be started at Indiana University it ought to have the backing of an organization. Theirs was the logical organization. The Writers' Club has been social as well as literary in its nature, but this fall it began the policy of electing new members on the basis of literary merit alone. The student who will send in three articles worthy of being published in *The Hoosier* is eligible to membership. On this basis it has already elected three new members: Miss Ethel Knapp, Richard George Scribner, and Lawrence Wheeler. If at some later time the Writers' Club wishes to resume its social character it will turn the management of the magazine over to an edi-

torial board. At present it is a working literary organization, and its motto is, as O. Henry would say, "Strictly Business." The criticism that it is a closed shop is utterly unfounded. *The Hoosier* is published at the University Press at Bloomington, Indiana, on the first of each month during the college year, by the Writers' Club of Indiana University. The aim of *The Hoosier* is to furnish a medium of expression for the literary life of the University, and its columns are open to undergraduates, alumni, and members of the faculty. The subscription price is one dollar per year; single copies are fifteen cents each.

Courts and Lawyers of Indiana. By LEANDER J. MONKS. Editor in Chief; LOGAN ESAREY and ERNEST V. SHOCKLEY, Assistant Editors. Indianapolis, Federal Publishing Company, 1916. Three vols., pp. lxxv + 384, 527, 526. Illustrated.

The volumes are continuously paged. The first 535 pages contain a connected history of the State and territorial judiciary, divided into 22 chapters. These chapters deal with such topics as Courts of the Northwest Territory; Courts of Indiana Territory; The Old Circuit Courts; The Circuit Riders; Juries, Prosecutors and Witnesses; Minor Courts; Incidents and Anecdotes of Pioneer Courts; The Old Supreme Court, etc. The second division of the work contains detailed accounts of the organization of the county courts, lists of judges and prosecutors, circuits, attorney-generals, federal judges and United States Attorneys, with dates for each. This part occupies 600 pages. The third division contains the biographies of the leading lawyers of the State, living and dead. These biographies, about 1,000 in number, have been reduced to the briefest possible form. The aim throughout has been to show the part the courts have played in the development of the State and the relation the lawyers have sustained to society in general. The writers have covered the field fairly well. The editor-in-chief is a lawyer of over a half century's experience, having served 18 years on the supreme bench. His assistants are both college trained men, all Hoosiers, and all alumni of Indiana University. The work